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1. The channel to Rostock is dredged to a depth of 7½ meters. This is also the depth at the quays in Rostock except at the innermost berth at the coal quay. All obstructions to navigation in the river and the harbor have been removed.
2. Eleven pilots are available on the river. They are under the orders of the Schwerin section of the Seawaterways Administration, which, in turn, is controlled by the Berlin Directorate-General of Navigation, headed by Captain Tsekhmestrov.
3. Each week about 12,000 tons of coal and briquettes are hauled away on Soviet and Norwegian ships under Soviet charter. The ships are usually cleared for Königsberg, Riga and Tallinn.
4. About 1,000 fathoms of pit props and 1,500 to 2,000 tons of sugar are also shipped away each week. Pit props are also dispatched to Königsberg from where they are allegedly sent to Great Britain. Sugar is, in most cases, shipped to Scandinavian harbors on Danish and Swedish schooners.
5. All harbor services are combined in the "Hafengemeinschaft" under the *Deruttra*.
6. Three 3-ton cranes and three 5-ton cranes were to be erected in the Warnemünde harbor area by 1 March 1950. The tracks for the cranes were laid. The bogie wagons were to be built at the Rostock Neptun shipyard.

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a. The statement on the depth of the Warnow River agrees with previous reports. Reports of greater depths must therefore be considered wrong.

b. The statements on shipments show that, in the two harbors, there is only export of commodities rather than regular transshipment.

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